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Idaho Onion Production

In Idaho, the 2012 summer storage onion production decreased 14 percent from 2011 according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production is estimated at 6.21 million cwt, down from the 7.18 million cwt produced in 2011. Planted and harvested acreage decreased 700 acres from last year to 8,700 acres, and 8,500 acres, respectively. Onion yield is down 50 cwt from 2011 to 730 cwt per acre. The value of the 2012 crop totaled \$52.1 million, up from \$36.8 million in 2011. The price per cwt for the 2012 crop is \$10.00, up from \$6.10 the previous year. Shrinkage and loss for 2012 totaled 1.00 million cwt, down from 1.15 million cwt last year.

Combining Idaho and Malheur County, the 2012 summer storage onion production decreased 8 percent from 2011. Production is estimated at 14.2 million cwt. Harvested acreage decreased 1,400 acres from 2011 to 19,100 acres, onion yield decreased 11 cwt to 741 cwt per acre. The value of the 2012 crop totaled \$124.2 million, up from \$77.9 million in 2011.

Nationally, summer storage production is down 1 percent from 2011 to 54.0 million cwt. Harvested acreage is up from 99,230 acres in 2011 to 103,750 acres in 2012. The U.S. average summer storage yield is down 32 cwt per acre from 2011 to 520 cwt per acre. The 2012 summer storage crop is valued at \$555 million, compared to \$408 million in 2011. Shrinkage and loss for the 2012 crop totaled 4.92 million cwt, down from 5.88 million cwt last year.

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